

How eye tracking data can enhance human performance in tomorrow's cockpit.

Results from a flight simulation study in FUTURE SKY SAFETY.

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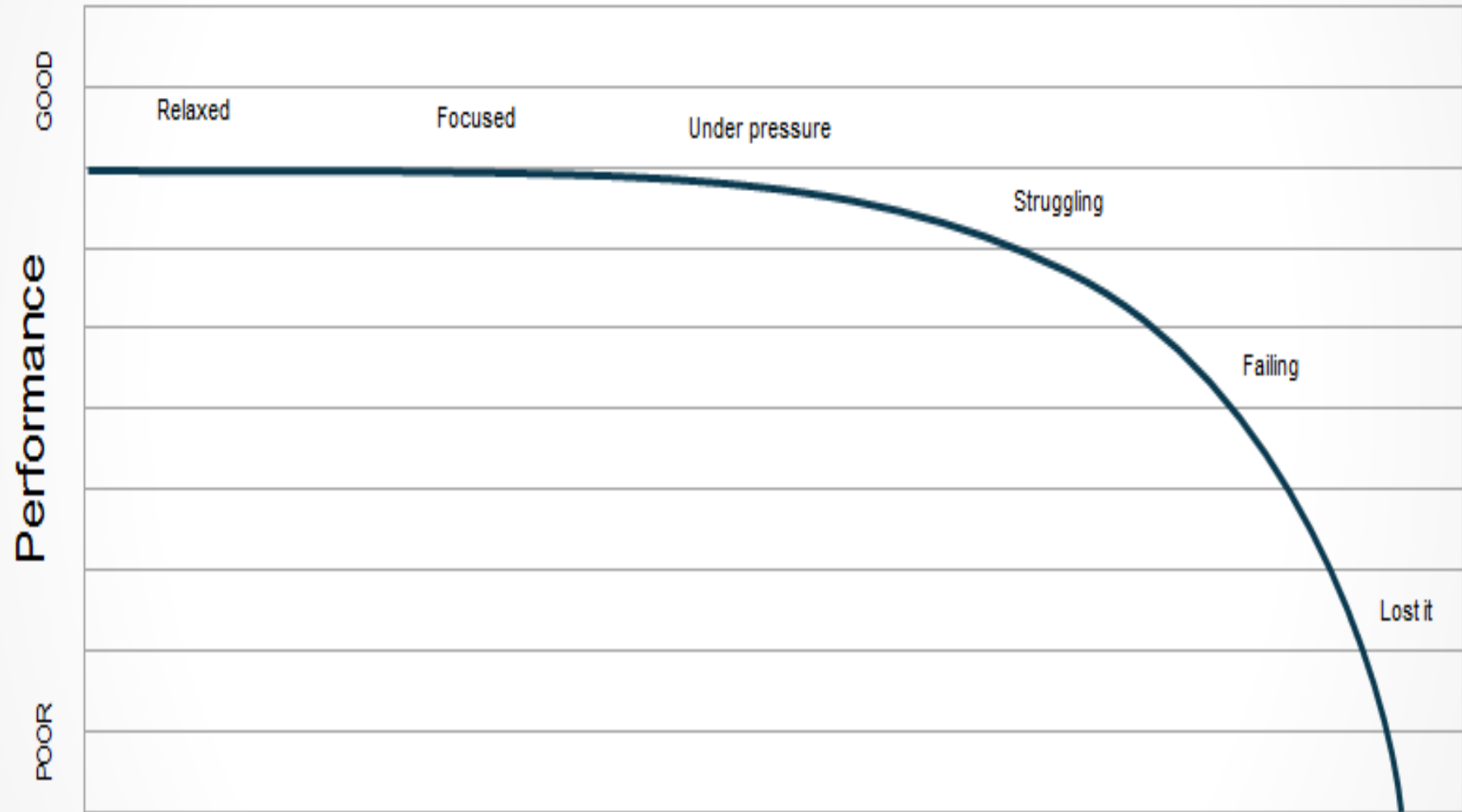
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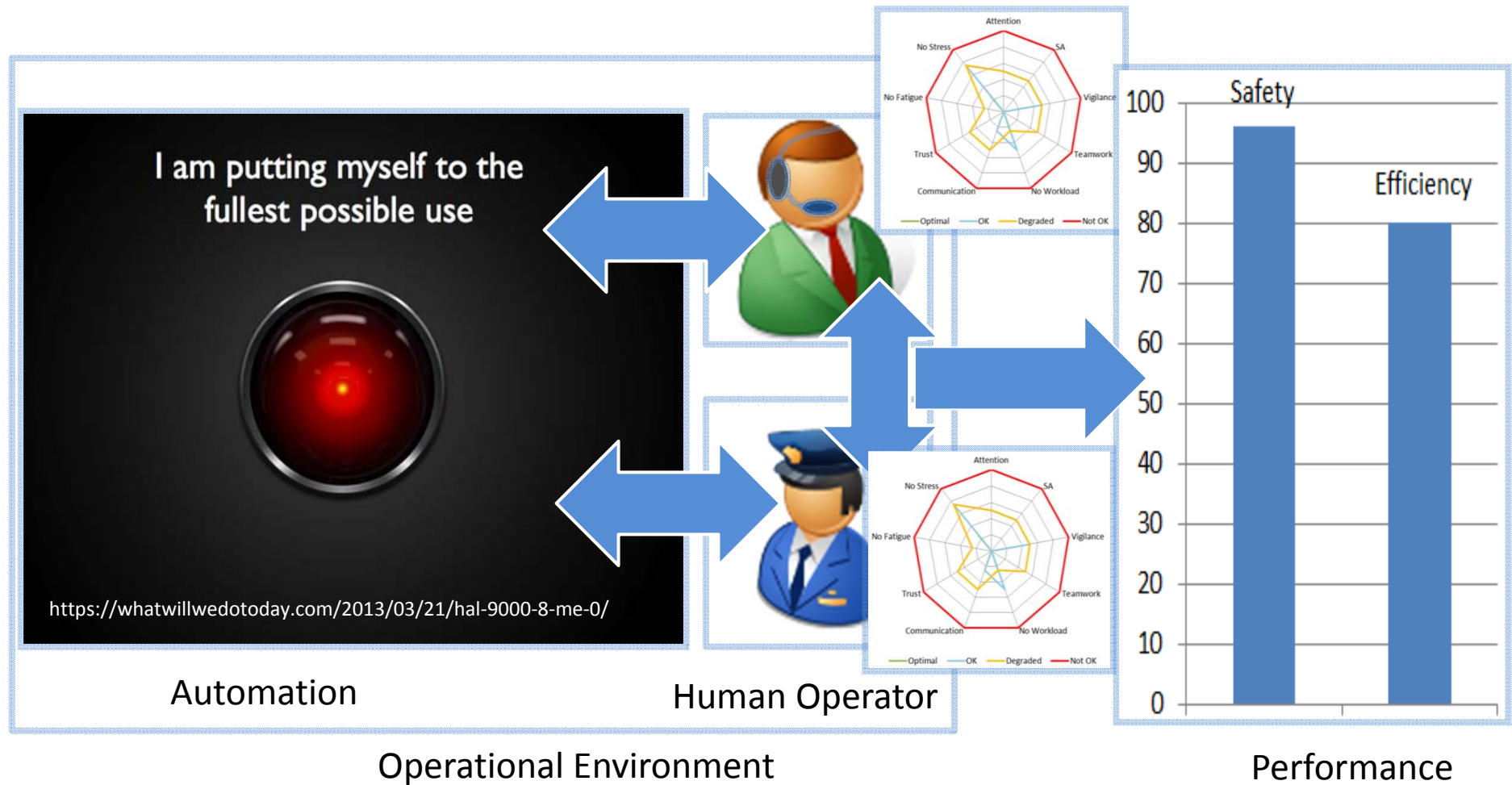


Decline in performance: it happens gracefully, not abrupt

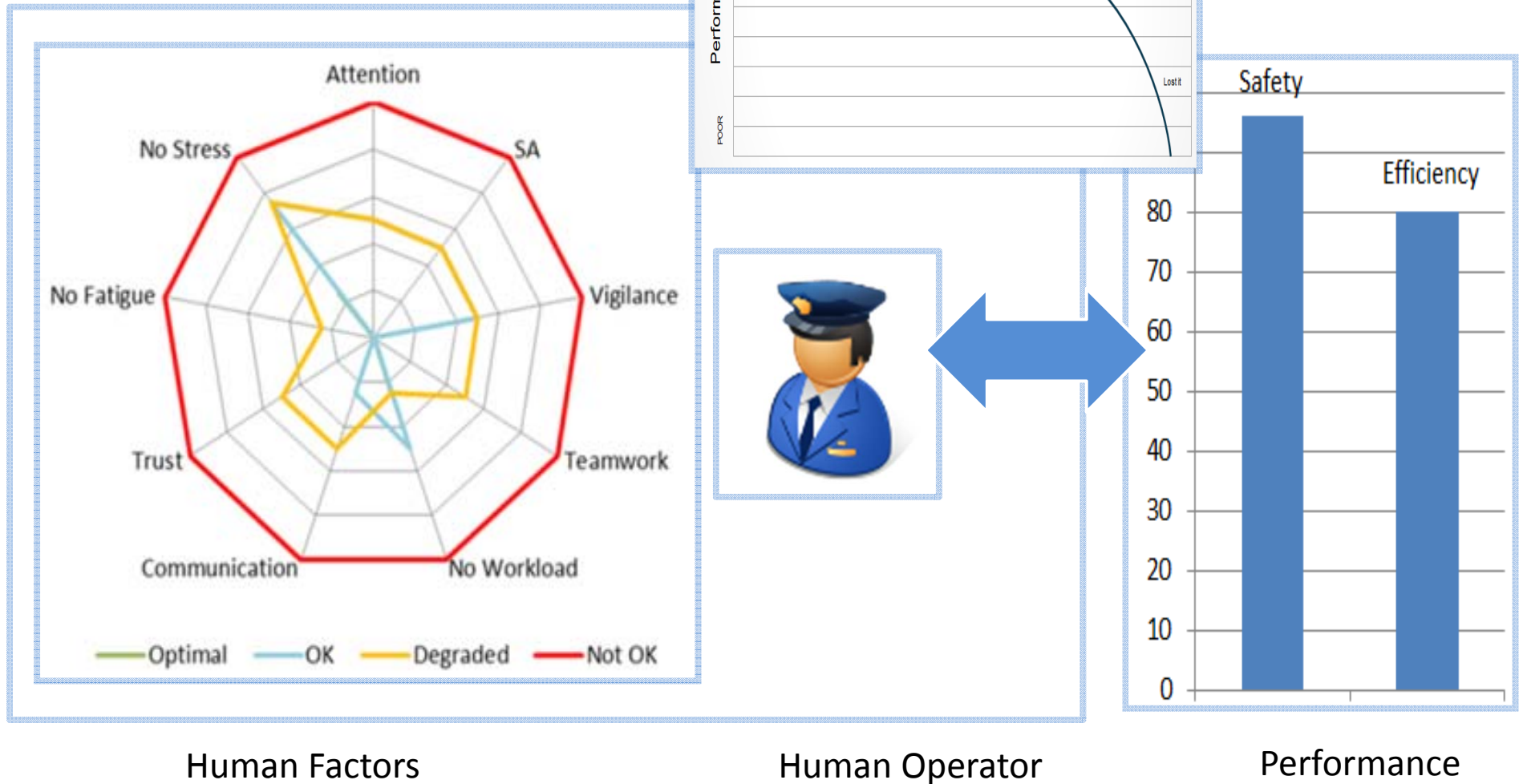


How to automate now? Human Centered!

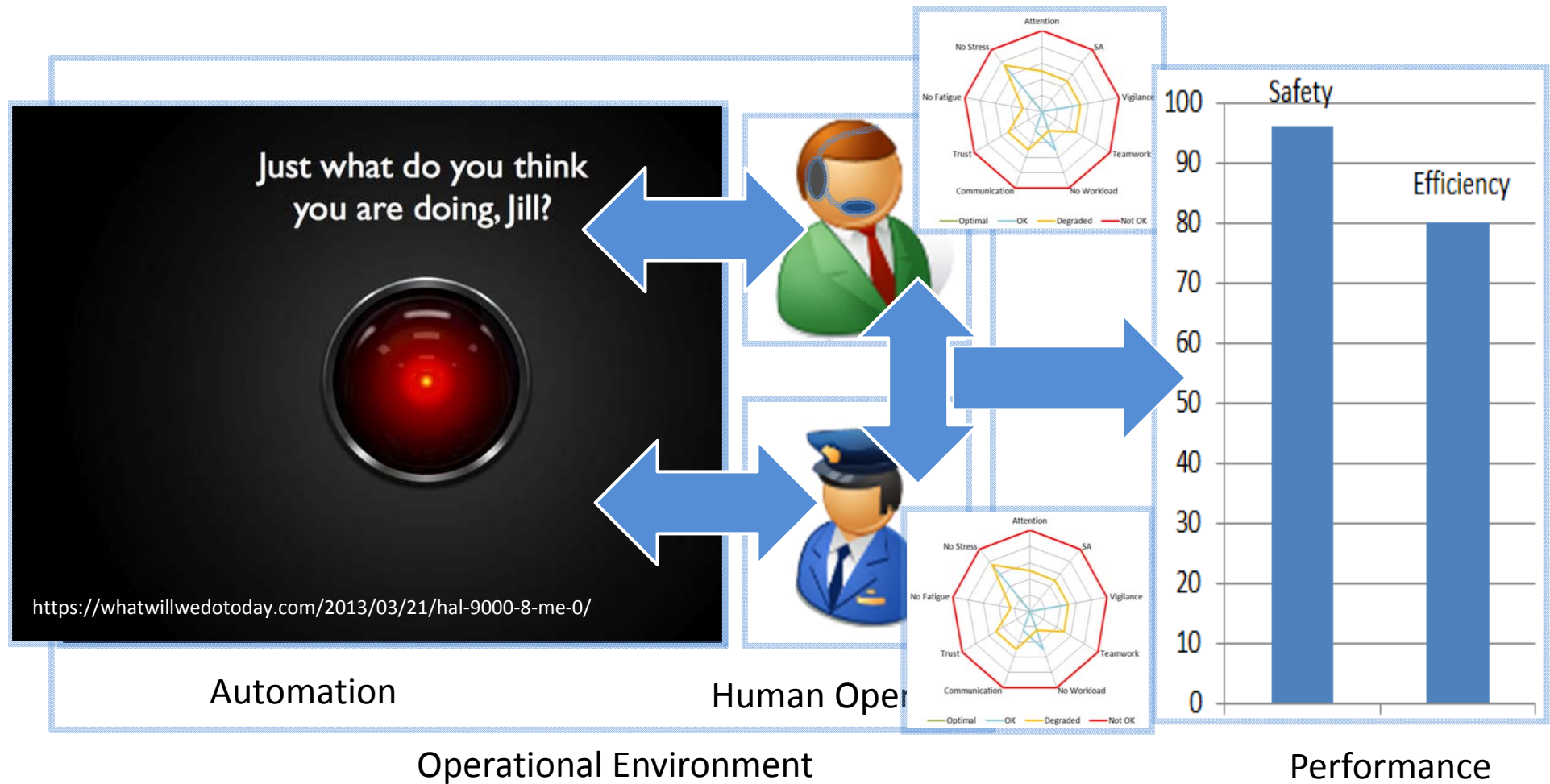
... enabled by Human Performance Envelope



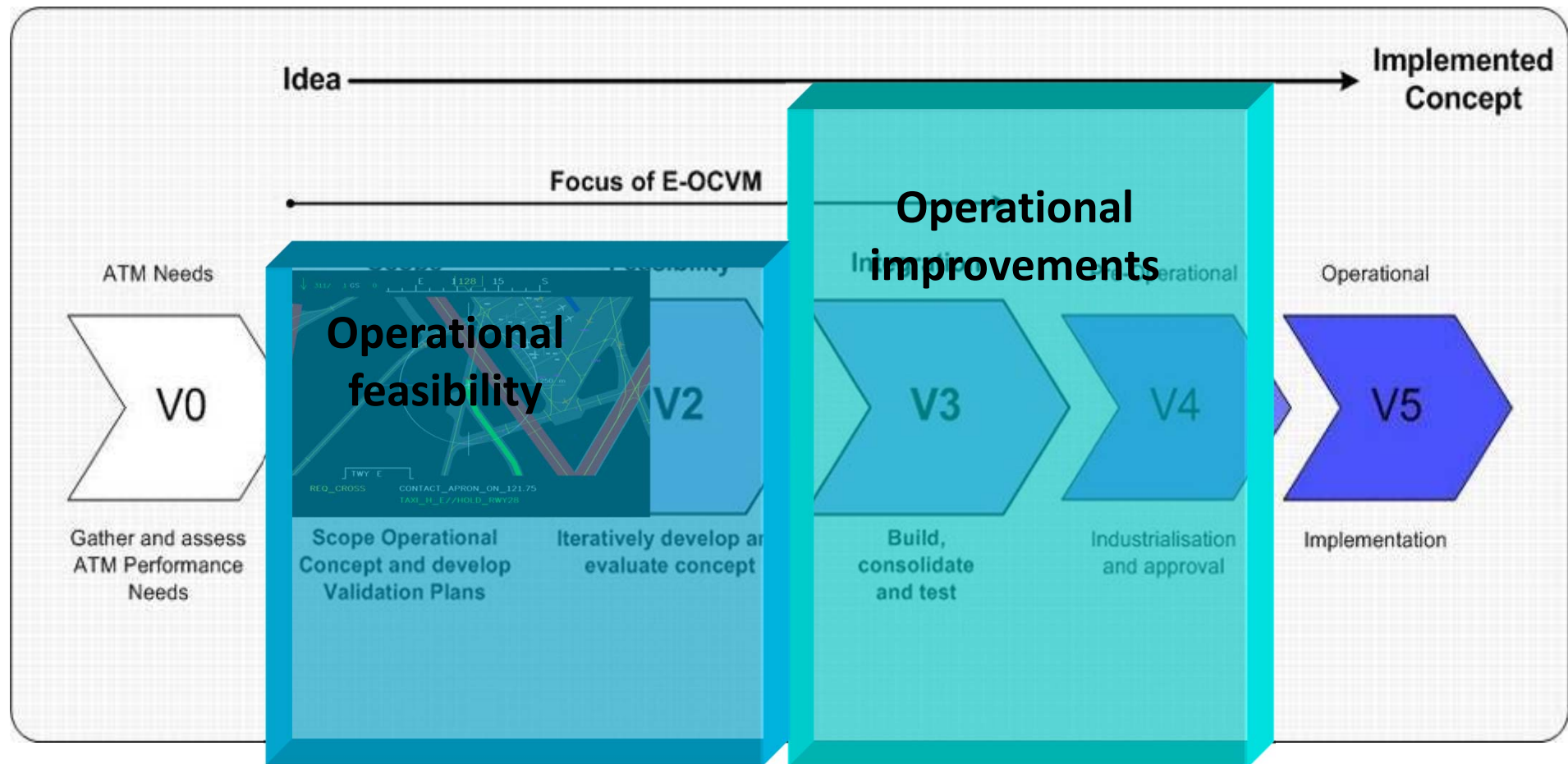
a. Detect operator's state on time



b. Develop automation which is capable to adapt to the state of the operator



Reaching HIGHER Levels of Maturity



According to "European Operational Concept Validation Methodology"

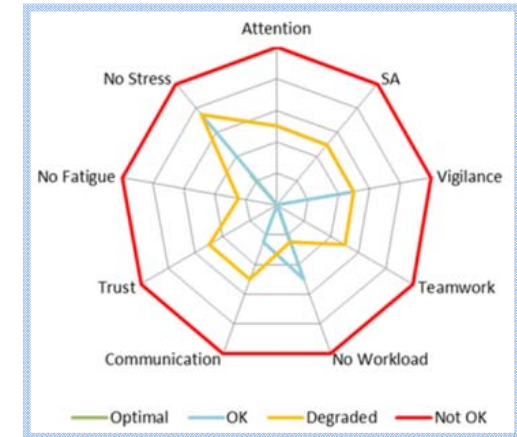
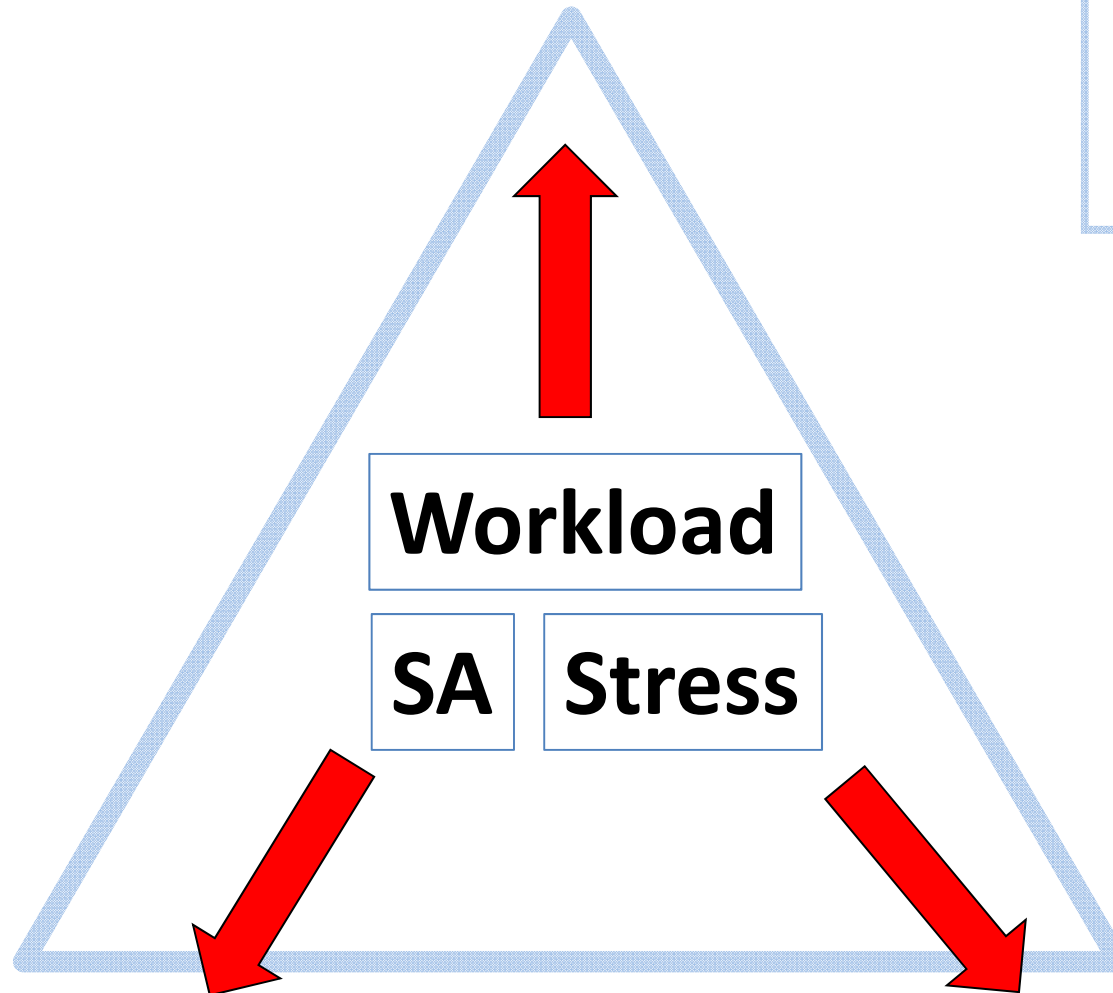


Project: Human Performance Envelope

January 2015 - March 2018



Moving toward the edges of the envelope



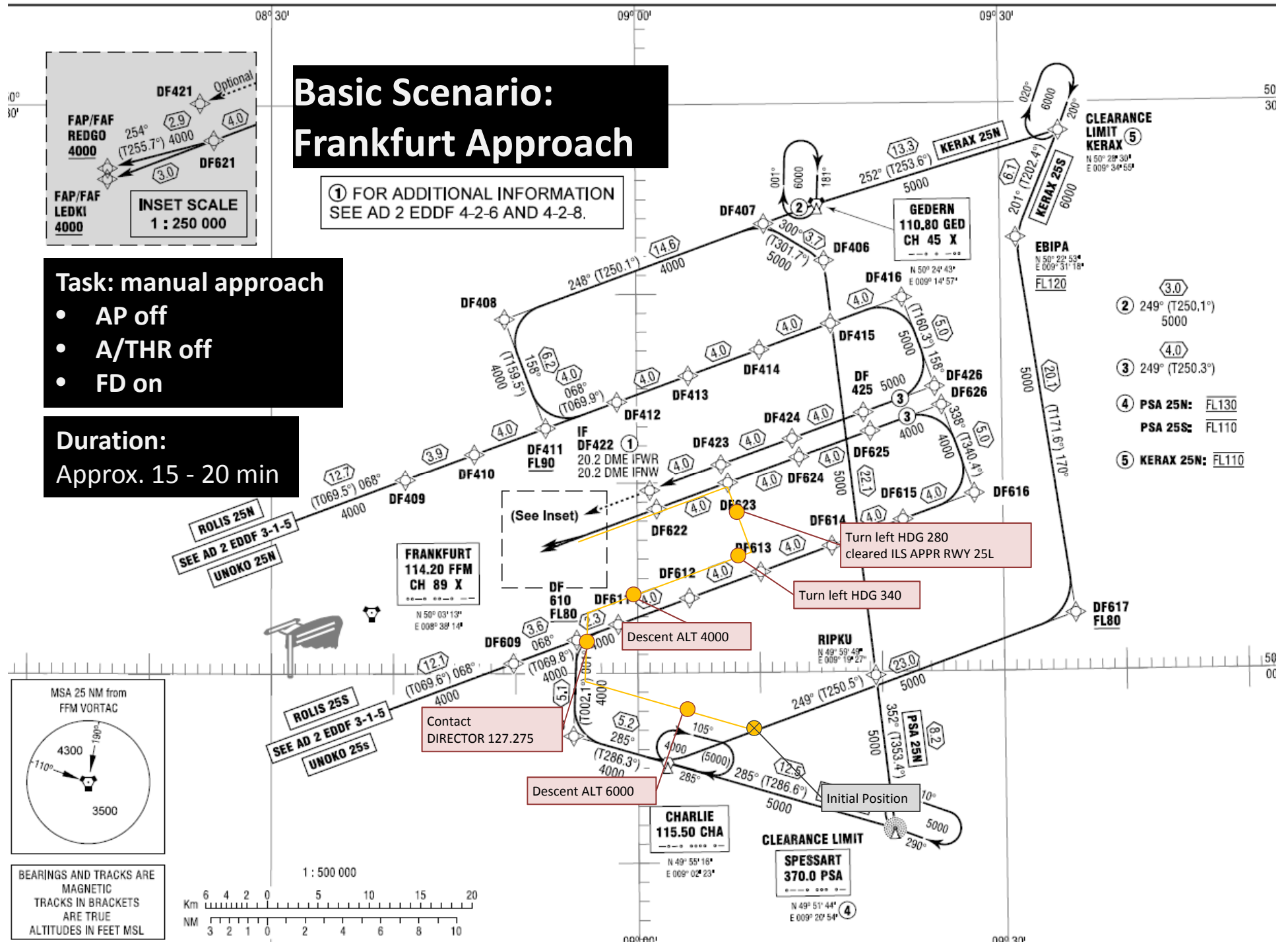
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- **A/THR off**
- **FD on**

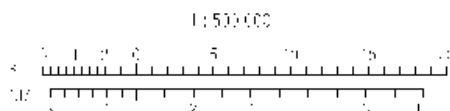
Duration:
Approx. 15 - 20 min



TRANSITION FEATURES ON THE EASTERN COAST OF WASHINGTON STATE

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No events

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Load Scenario

① FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
SEE AD 2 EDDF 4-2-6 AND 4-2-8.

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Medium

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FAF: FAF
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INSET SCALE
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Medium turbulence
whole scenario

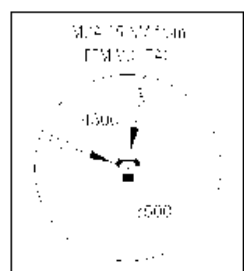
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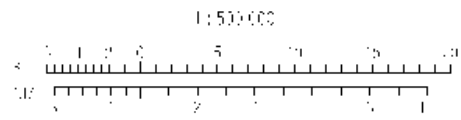
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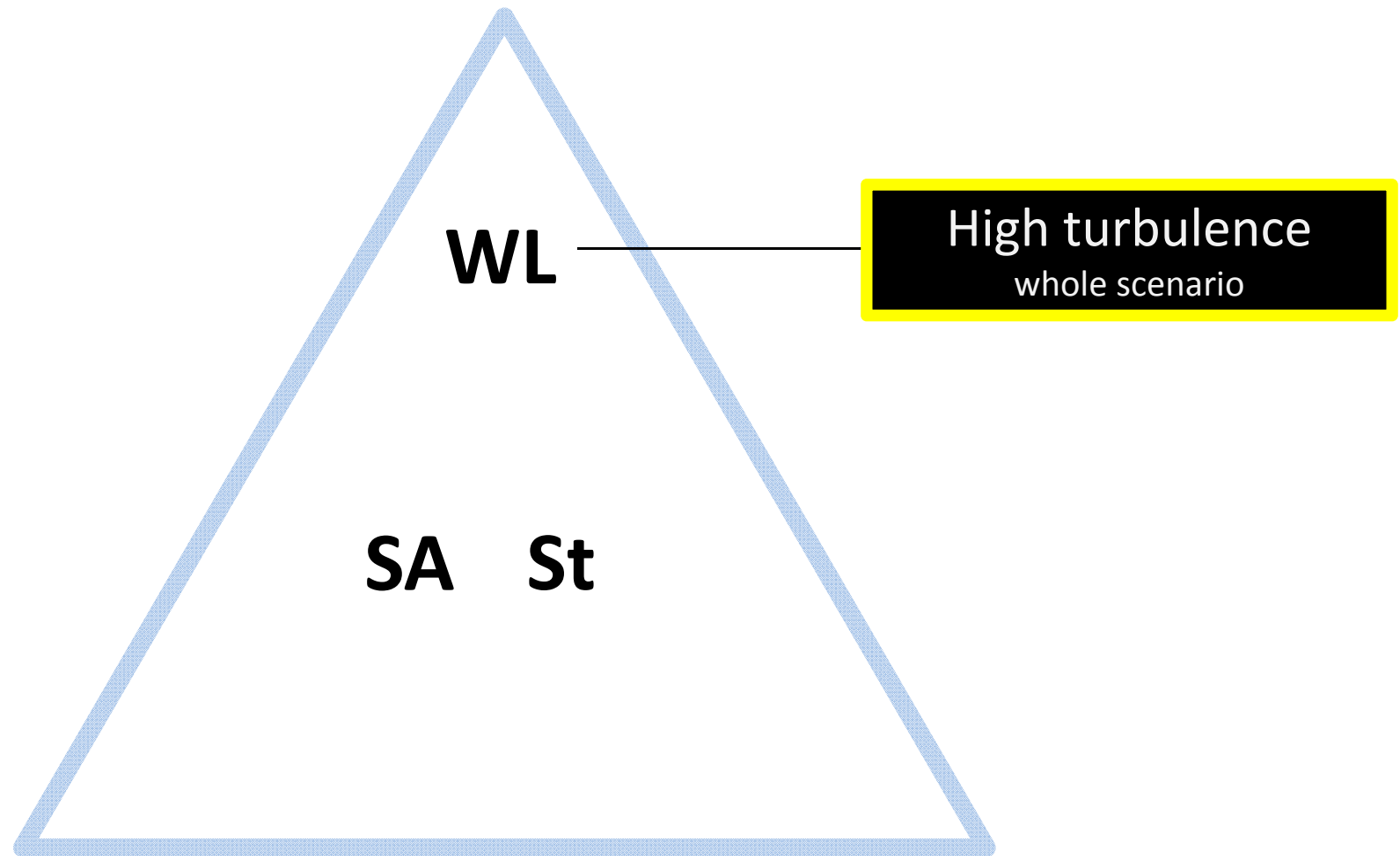
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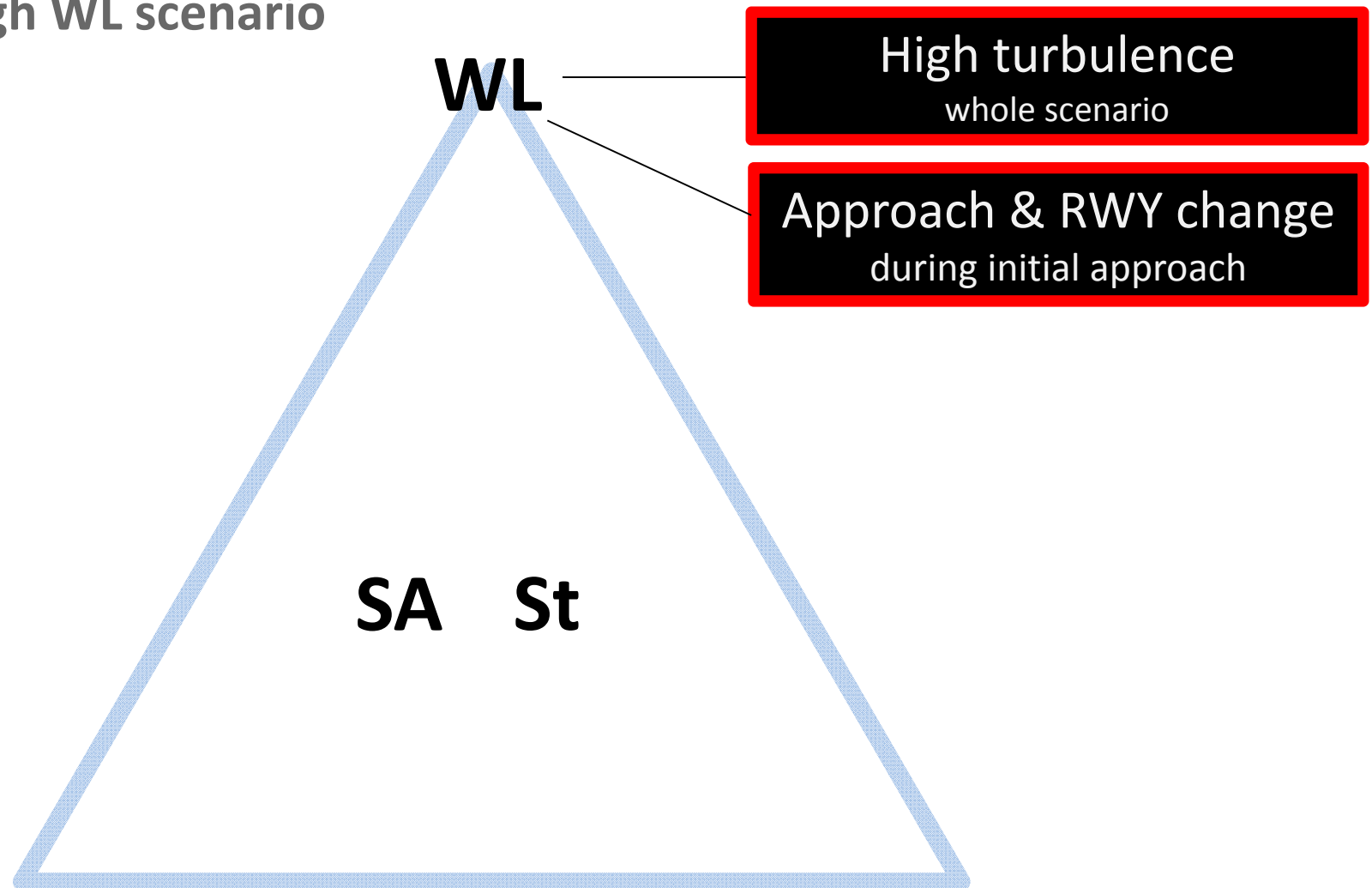
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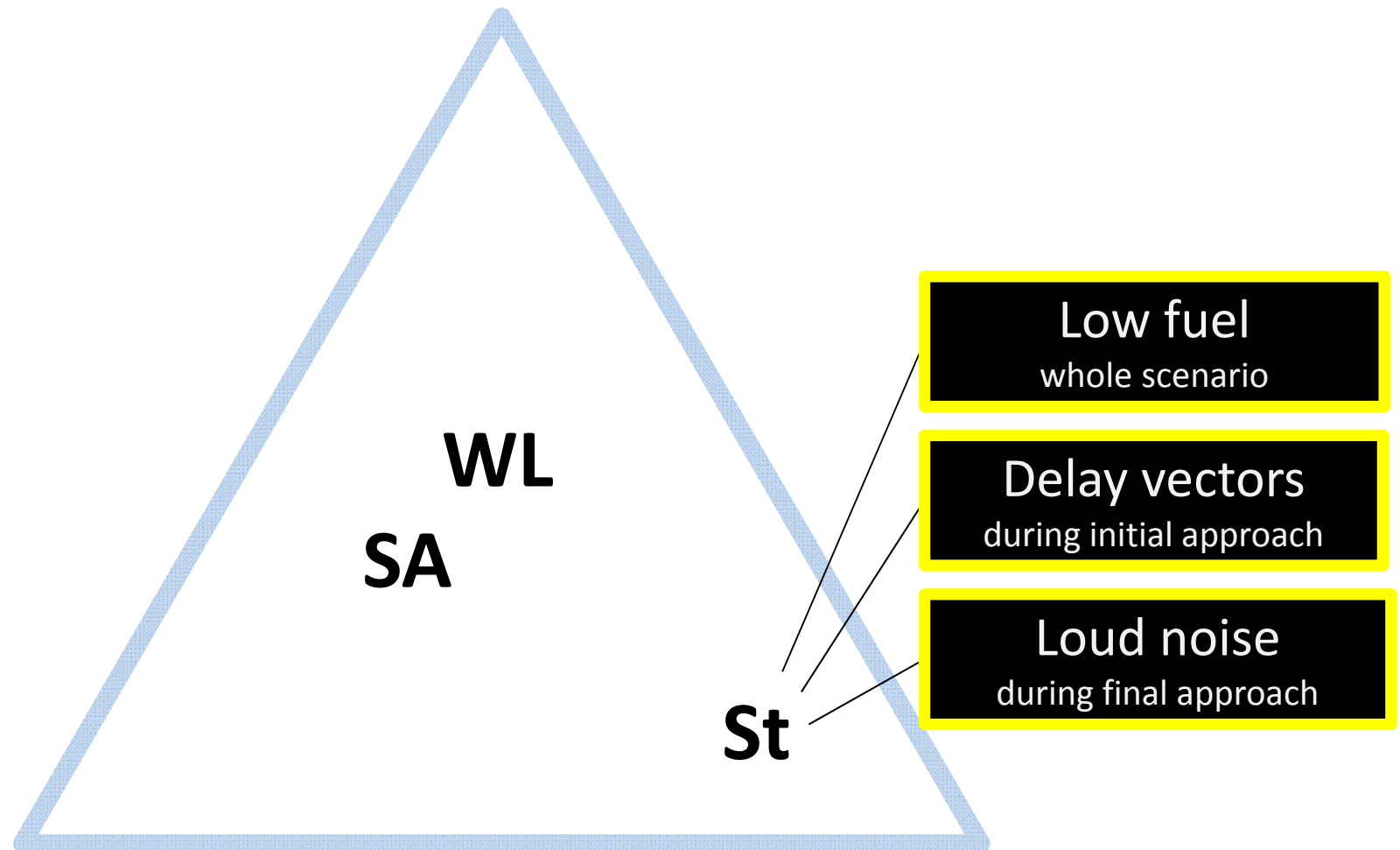
High WL scenario



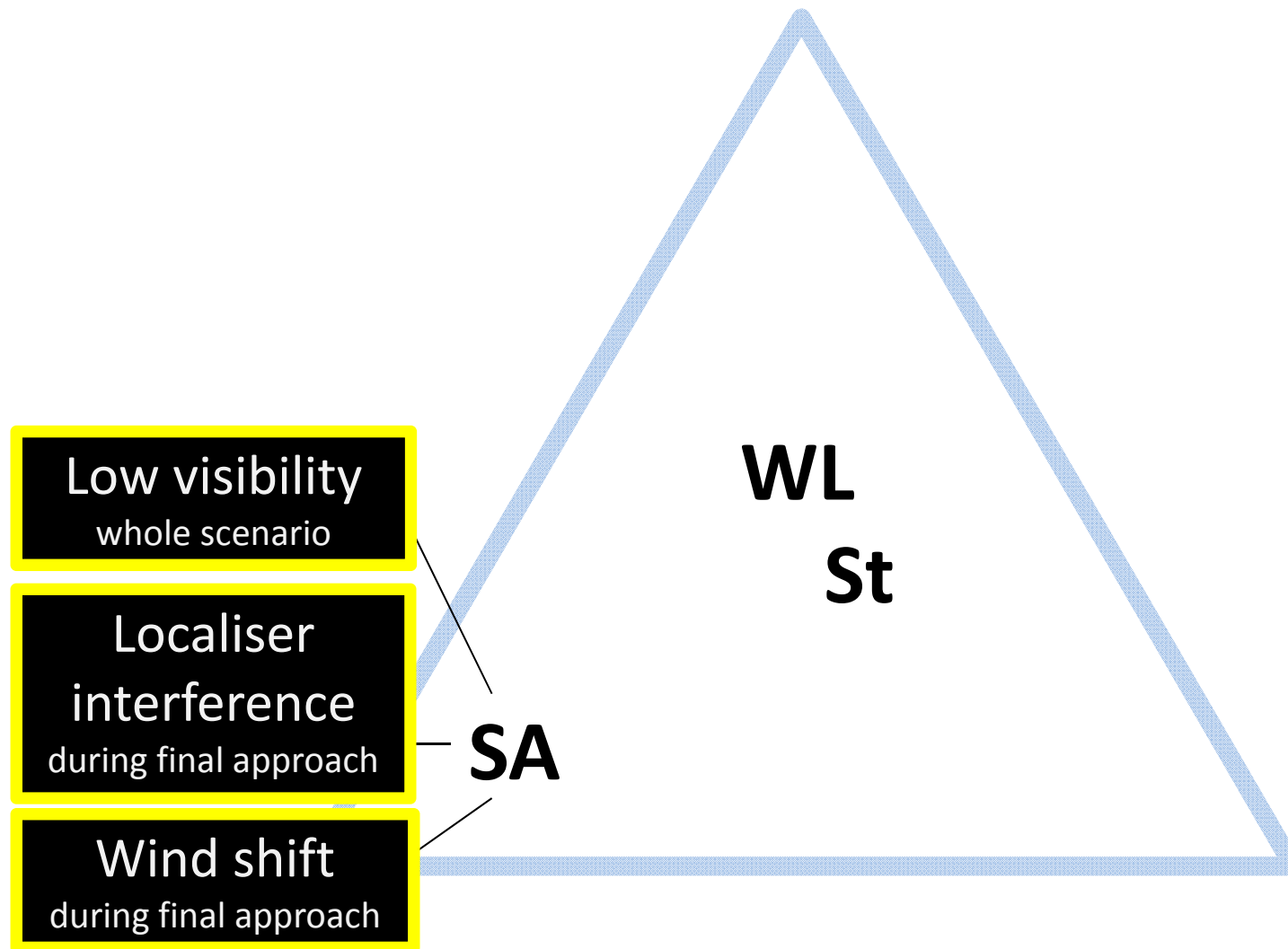
Very high WL scenario



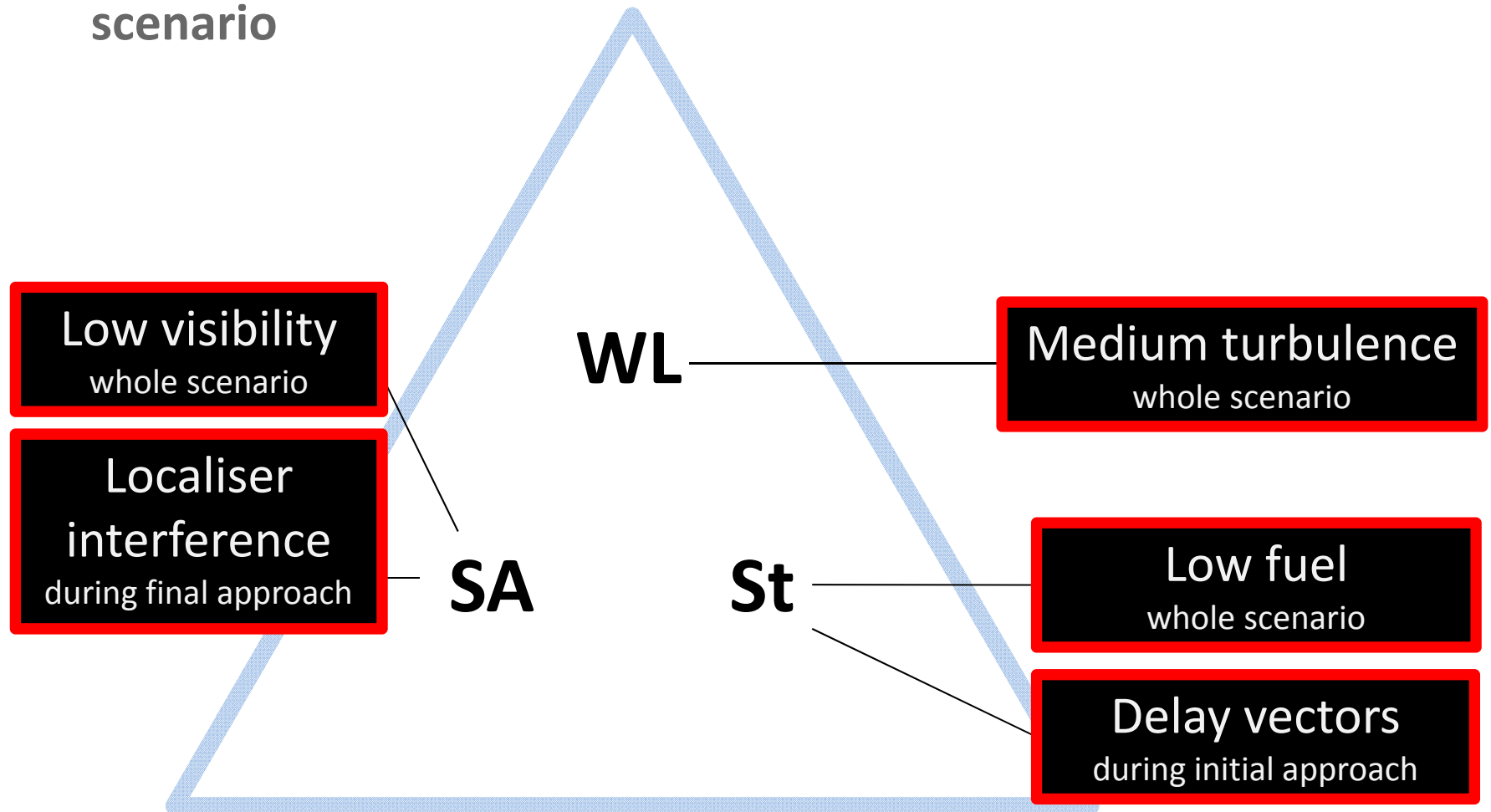
High stress scenario



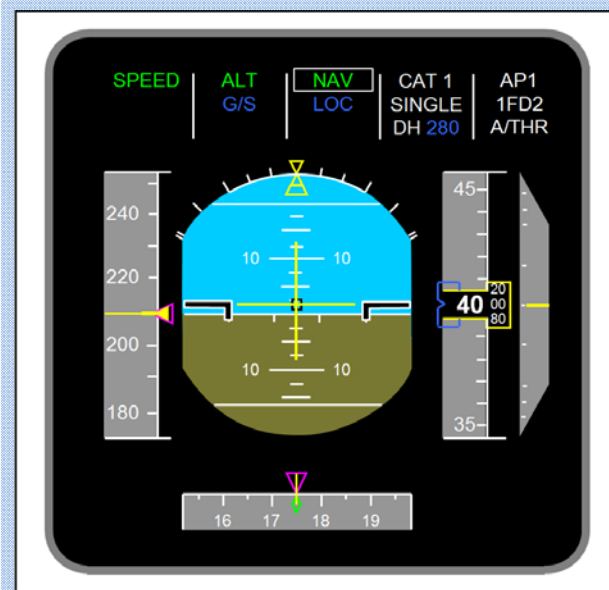
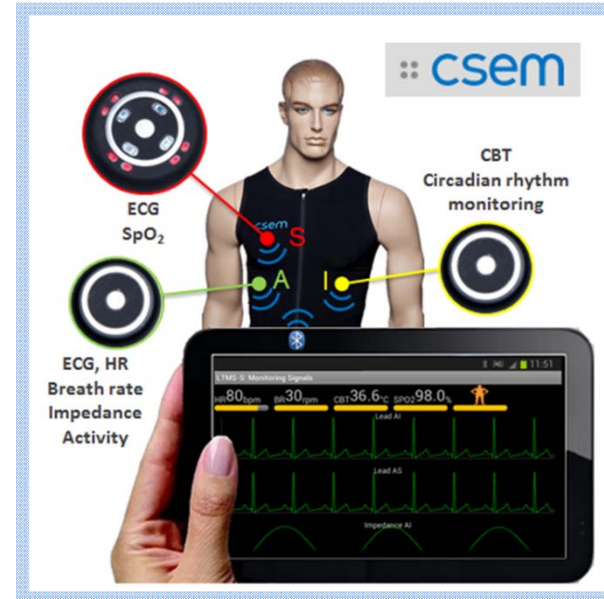
Highly decreased SA



Medium workload, medium stress, medium reduced SA scenario



Measurements



 A stack of papers with a form titled 'Instantaneous Self-Assessment (ISA) (Scenario 1)'. The form includes fields for 'Pilot ID:', 'Run No.:', and 'Time (start): (stop):'. Below these fields is a table with columns for time intervals (t, 2 m, 4 m, 6 m, 8 m, 10 m, 12 m, 14 m, 16 m) and rows for levels (Level 1 to 5).


Measurements



Eye Tracking Data

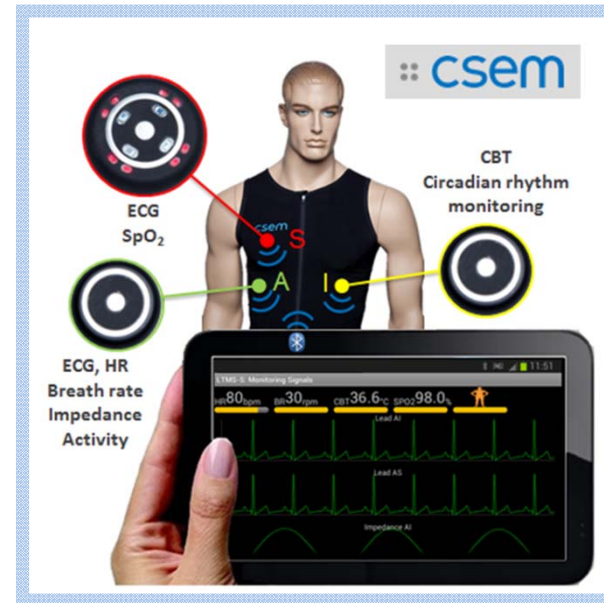
- Point of Gaze
- Blink Rate
- Areas of Interest
- Pupil Diameter



Measurements

Physiological Data

- Heart Rate (HR)
- HR Variability (HRV)
 - RR Intervals
 - Breath Rate
- Perfusion Index



Measurements

Subjective Data

- Self assessed performance
 - ISA
 - NASA-TLX
 - SACL
 - SART
- Samn-Perelli



Instantaneous Self-Assessment (ISA)
(Scenario 1)

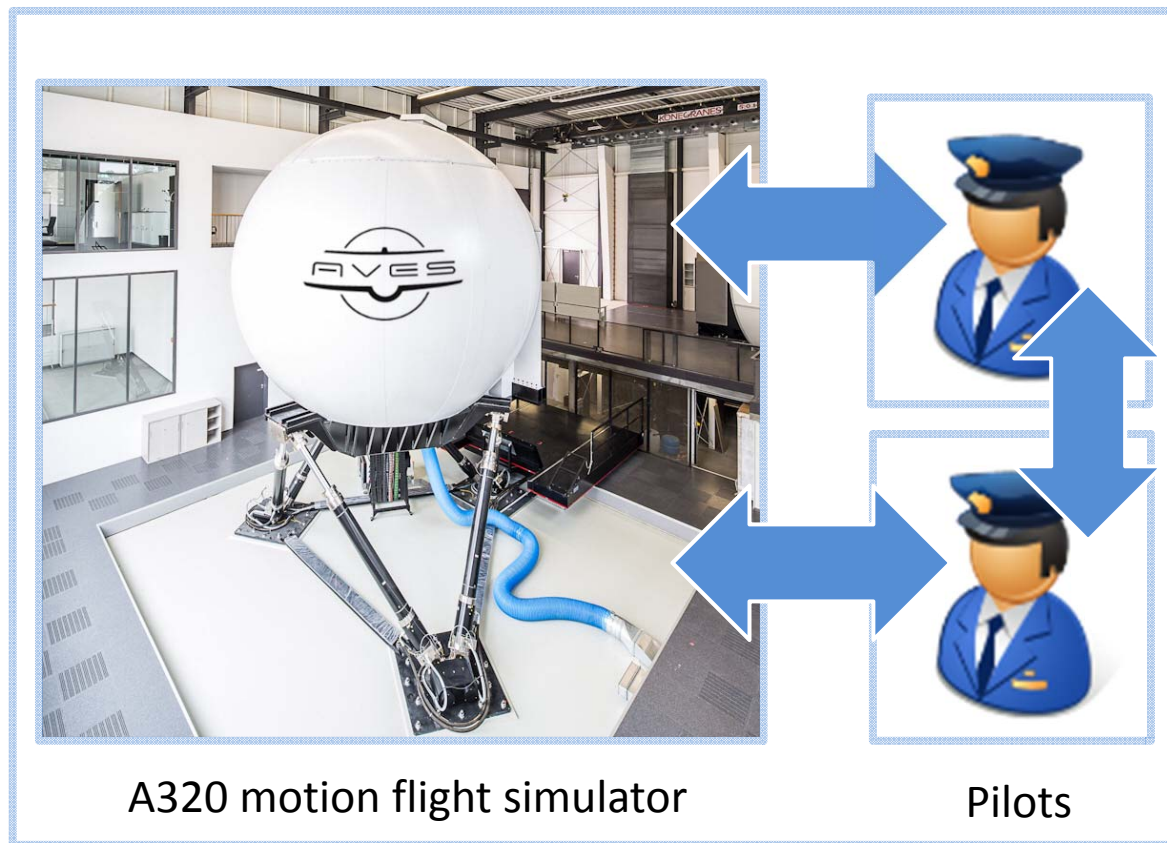
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	1	2 m	4 m	6 m	8 m	10 m	12 m	14 m	16 m
Level 1									
2									
3									
4									
5									

1 = Under-Utilised
2 = Relaxed
3 = Comfortable Busy
4 = High
5 = Excessive



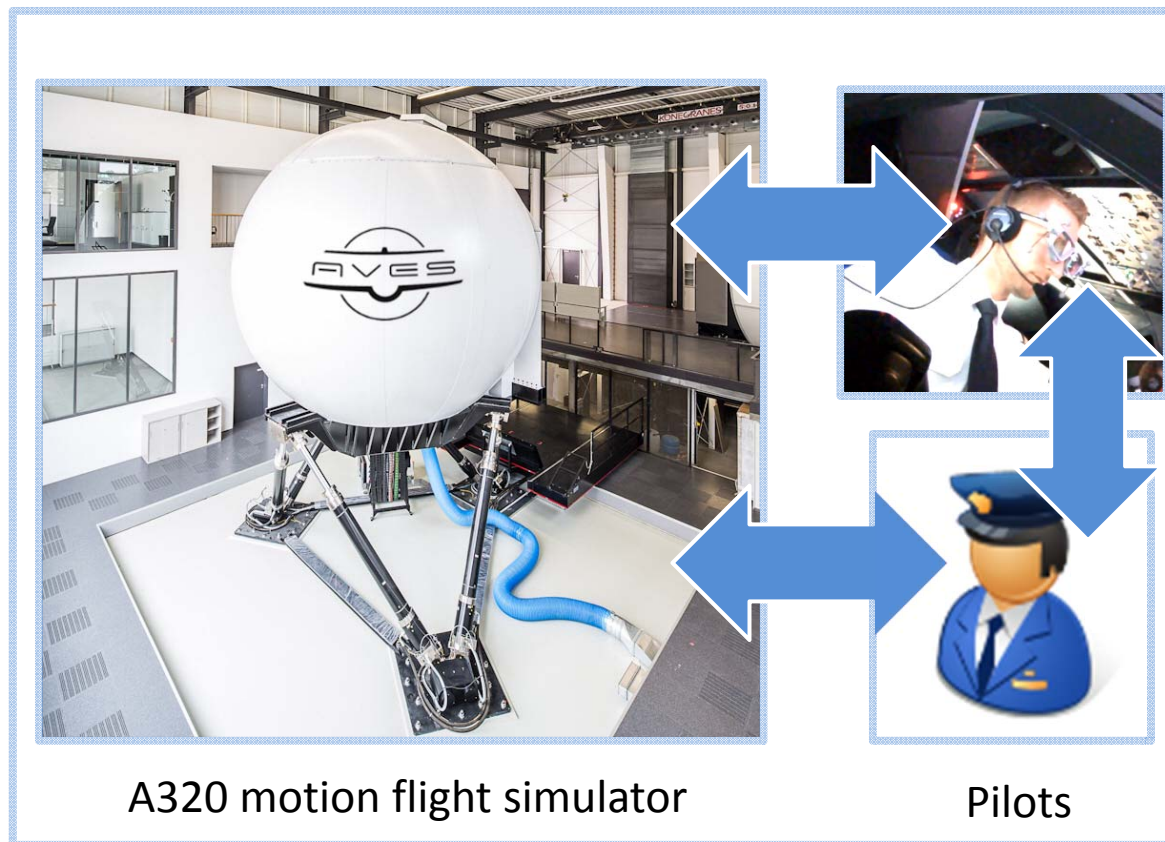
Simulator



Operational Environment



Participants



Operational Environment

- **N=10 first officers**
 - major European airline
 - A320 type rated
- **Age**
 - $M = 31$
 - $SD = 3.28$
- **Experience (total flight hours)**
 - $M = 4045$
 - $SD = 1569$
- **Captain**
 - from same airline
 - complemented crew



Results Workload



High WL
↑
Baseline WL

With WL increase,

Pupil diameter
significantly
increases



Results Stress



With Stress
increase,

Pupil diameter
significantly
increases

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Results Situation Awareness

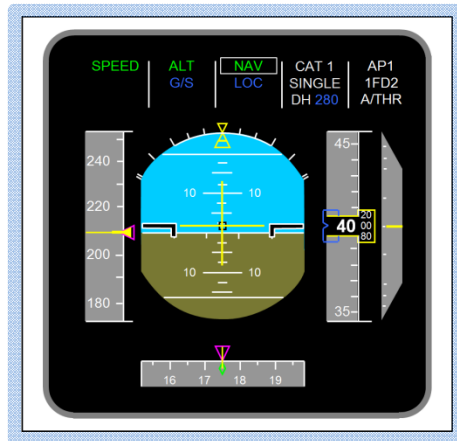


Pupil diameter
significantly
increases
not significantly

Baseline SA

impaired SA



Results Situation Awareness



Baseline SA



impaired SA

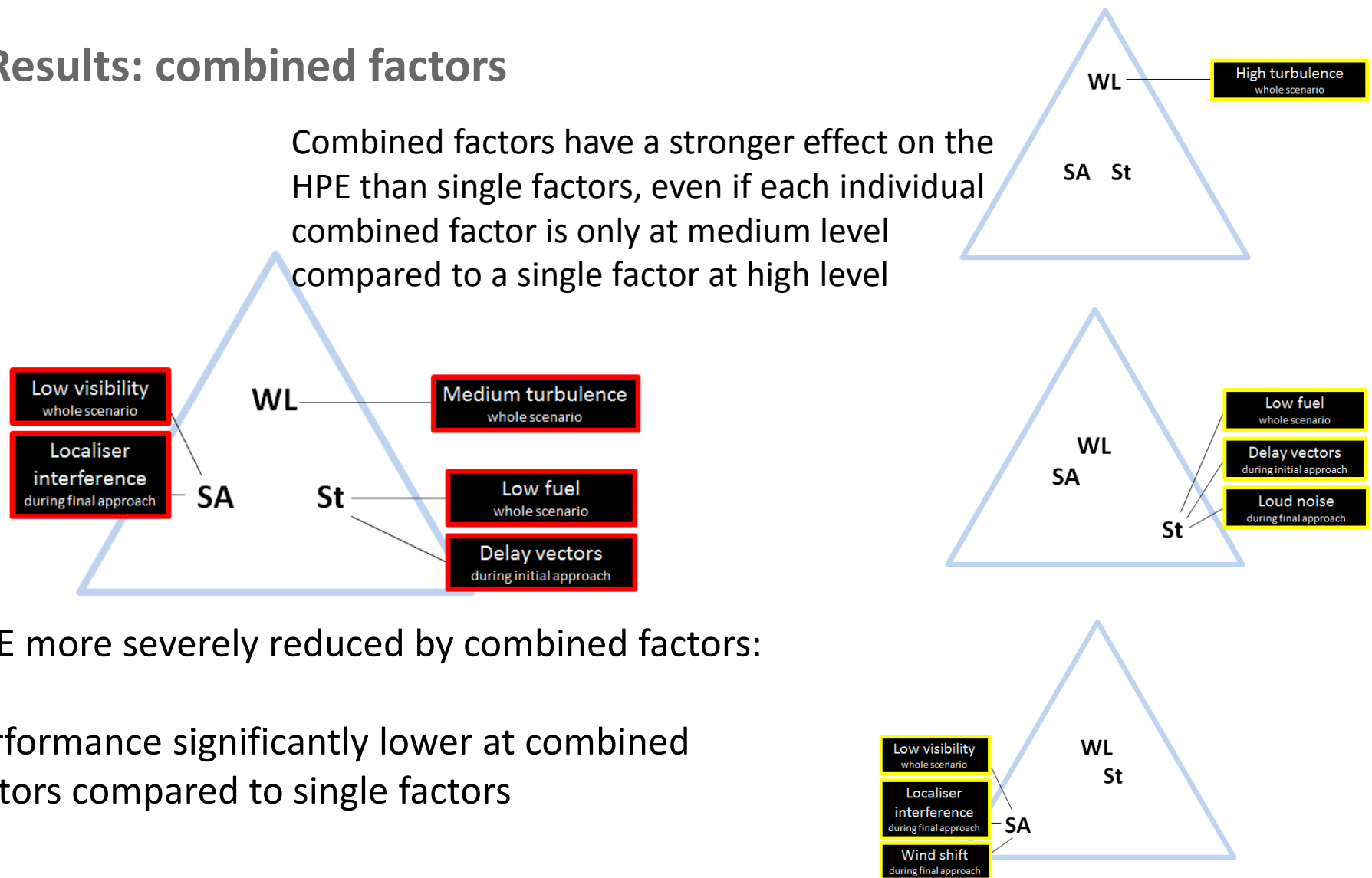
deviation of
localiser and
glide-slope
significantly
increases

and is **higher**
compared to
workload and
stress
scenarios



Results: combined factors

Combined factors have a stronger effect on the HPE than single factors, even if each individual combined factor is only at medium level compared to a single factor at high level



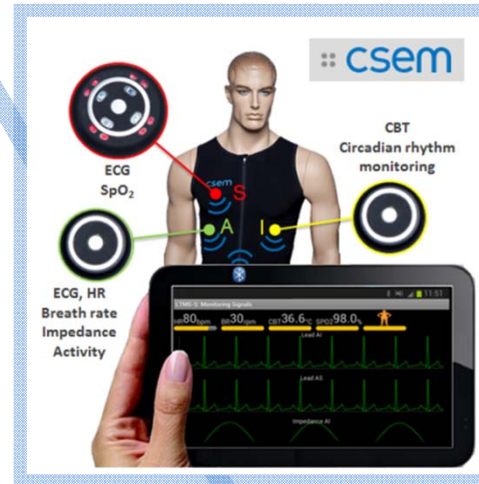
HPE more severely reduced by combined factors:

Performance significantly lower at combined factors compared to single factors

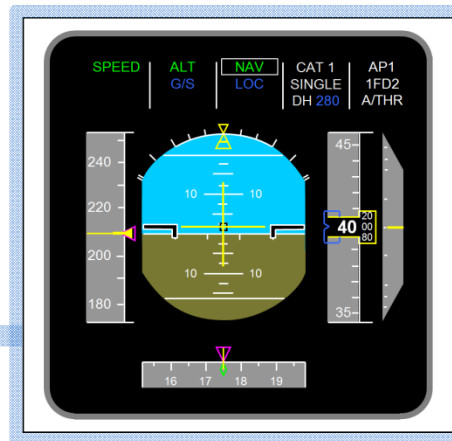


Results: combined factors

Pupil
diameter



LF of HRV



Localiser /
Glideslope
deviation



Stay tuned

- Paper in the Aeronautical Journal
 - *under preparation*



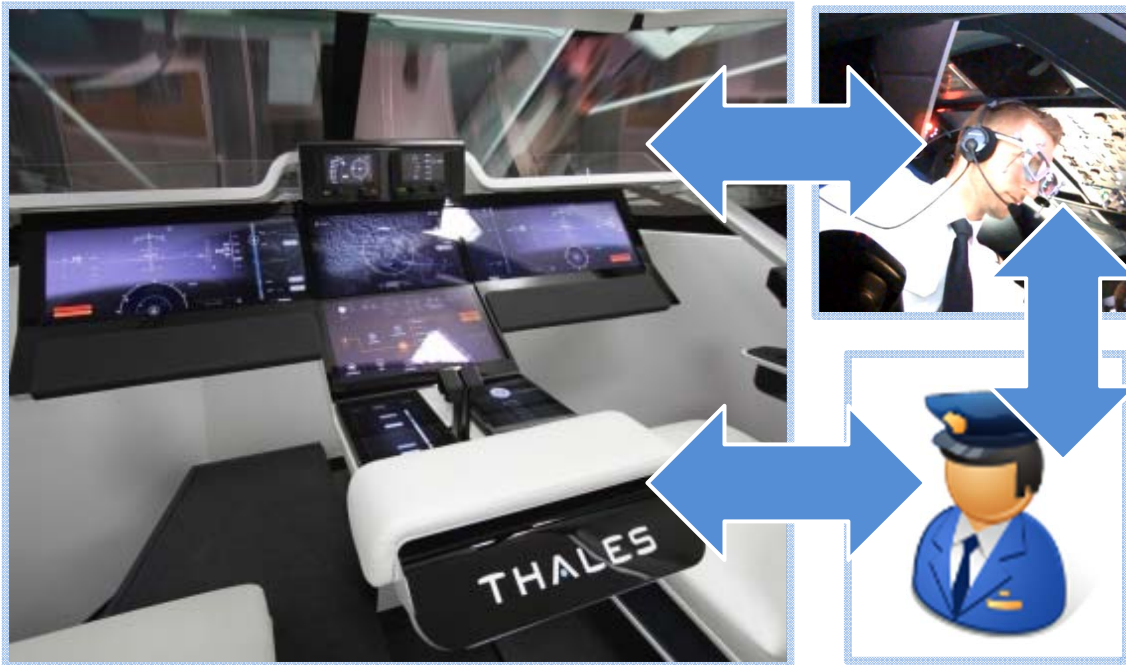
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- P6 „Human Performance Envelope“
 - D6.3
 - Results for a second set of scenarios
 - D6.4



Outlook



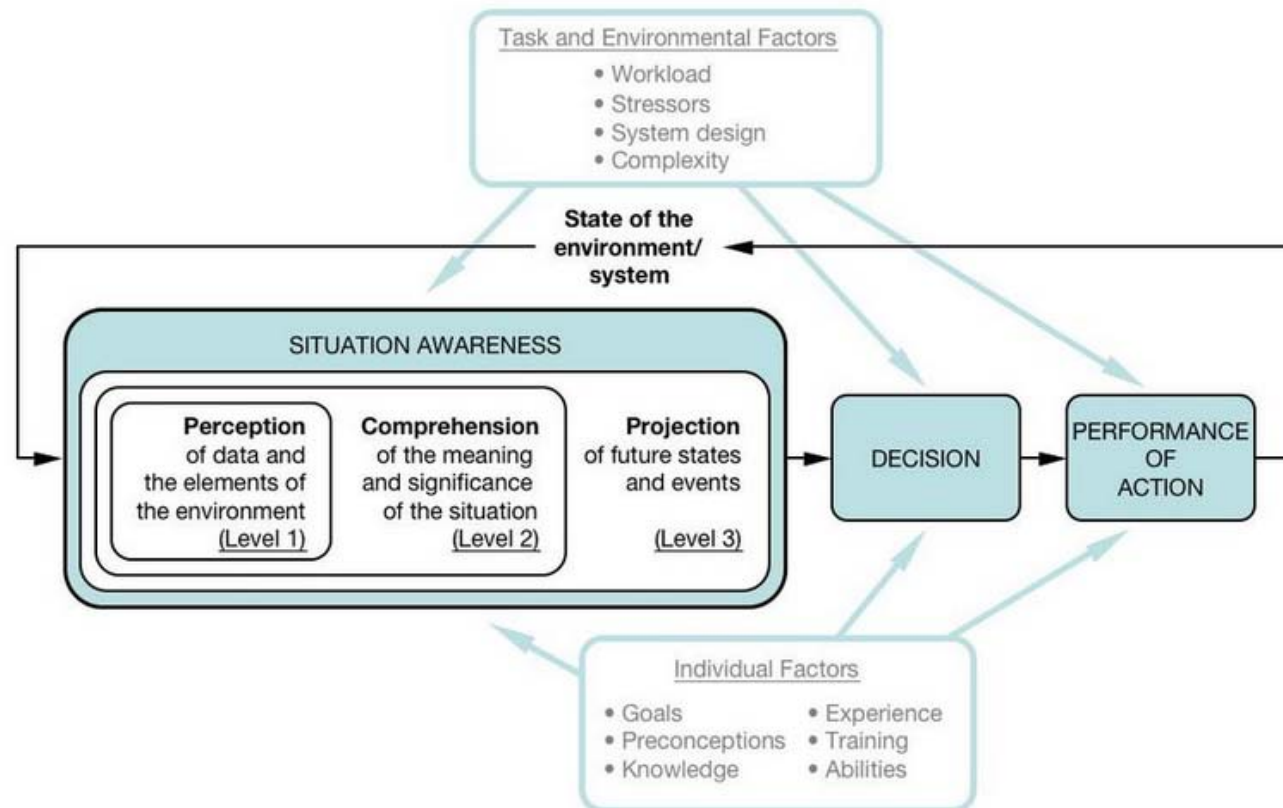
Thales Avionics 2020 flight simulator

Pilots

Operational Environment



#4 How will eye tracking improve tomorrow's pilots' training and performance?



Endsley's model of SA. This is a synthesis of versions she has given in several sources, notably Endsley (1995a) and Endsley et al (2000). Drawn by Dr. Peter Lankton, May 2007.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Situation_awareness



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